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SUBJECT: AD HOC WORKING GROUP VISIT TO CHILE

1. ON 5/17 MEZVINSKY MET SEPARATELY WITH AMB DIEZ, MIGUEL SCHWEITZER OF CHILE, FELIX ERMACORA OF AUSTRIA AND PERSONS FROM THE SECRETARIAT CONCERNED WITH THE COMING TALKS IN NY ON THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP'S VISIT TO CHILE. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP WILL BEGIN TODAY, WITH FORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP AND GOC TO BEGIN MONDAY MORNING, 5/22. ALL MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN NY. MEZVINSKY TALKED BY TELEPHONE WITH ALLANA THIS MORNING, 5/18, AND PLANS TO MEET HIM LATER THIS EVENING.

2. IT WAS BROUGHT TO MEZVINSKY'S ATTENTION IN CONVERSATIONS WITH ALLANA AND WITH PERSONS FROM THE SECRETARIAT THAT A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IN LA SECUNDA (DATED 4/12) INDICATED THAT "ALI ALLANA WHO HEADS THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP WILL NOT BE AMONG THOSE TO COME TO CHILE." THIS PRIOR DISCLOSURE IS VERY TROUBLING TO ALLANA WHO NOW SAYS HIS REASON FOR NOT GOING TO CHILE--ILLNESS--NO
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LONGER APPLIES. IF THE TALKS IN NY ARE SUCCESSFUL, ALLANA PLANS TO ISSUE A STATEMENT STATING THE REAL REASONS WHY HE IS NOT GOING TO CHILE. INCLUDED IN THIS SAME ARTICLE IS THE MENTION OF ANOTHER CONDITION PLACED ON THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP BY THE GOC, THAT BEING "ONCE ENQUIRIES HAD BEEN COMPLETED, THE VISITING GROUP WOULD SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND THEN BE

DISSOLVED." THIS STATEMENT, MISLEADING AND INNACCURATE, COUPLED WITH THE REMARK ABOUT ALLANA, MAKE THE NEGOTIATIONS EVEN MORE DIFFICULT AND PERSONALLY UPSETS MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP AND PERSONS ON THE STAFF OF THE SECRETARIAT. THE ARTICLE IN LA SECUNDA WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF DIEZ AND SCHWEITZER BY MEZVINSKY. MEZVINSKY POINTED OUT TO THEM THAT THIS LEAKED INFORMATION OBVIOUSLY CAME FROM A CHILEAN GOVERNMENT SOURCE, WHICH SCHWEITZER READILY ACKNOWLEDGED.

3. MEZVINSKY HAS CONTACTED THE ECUADORIAN MISSION AND THE SIERRA LEONE MISSION TO ALERT BENITES AND MRS. KAMARA THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO BRIEF THEM ON HIS VISIT TO SANTIAGO. LEONARD

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